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Ms. Mary Levine, Director of Legal Affairs  
Michigan State Housing Development Authority  
735 East Michigan Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Michigan's Qualified Allocation Plan

Dear Ms. Levine:

Bay Area Women's Center supports all changes to Michigan's Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) that will increase the number of housing units made available to persons who are homeless because of domestic violence.

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program is one of the largest resources made available to Michigan to create new or rehabilitated affordable units for low-income people, and as you may be aware, Michigan's economic climate has increased the homeless population across the state. On any given night, Michigan's homeless population exceeds 80,000 people that include hundreds of women and children who are fleeing from violent households. It is imperative that tax credit dollars are dedicated to the creation of units that will assist this population and/or those with special needs.

For the State of Michigan to receive approximately \$200,000,000 annually from the federal government and not to set aside a large percentage of these funds to help the homeless and/or those with special needs is to disregard the poorest members of our society.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns. If you have any questions, please phone me at 989-686-2251.

Respectfully,



Regina Turner  
Executive Director



*Serving women, men, children, and families in an effort to eliminate Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault in Bay & Arenac Counties*

